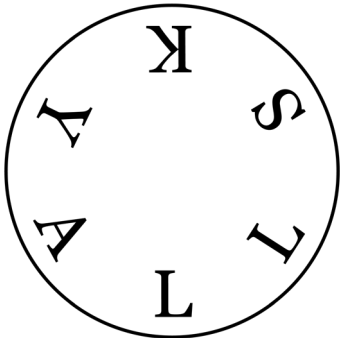


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SKY*1*

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All Sky publishing

An imprint for words, images, sounds, you, me, and all of us

LEGACY SURVEY

engraved on the SAS-A (73'-79')

All sky

All earth

All dirt

All right

All good

Space and time

It all adds up

(the sum of all its parts)

Here and there

All in all

All at once

All done

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○ ☐ clear blue sky

① 1

② 2

③ 3

④ 4 cloudy

⑤ 5

⑥ 6

⑦ 7

⑧ 8 completely cloudy

Every day looking up at them in the stars, the lights, the planes it's good
We all can see it and it's been so good but it can't be like this for long
It won't be like this tomorrow
It couldn't be like this next week or next month and it's never been like
this in the sky, the blue sky and the sun and the light, and the light and the
light on the clouds and how they move



I'm not sure what it is now but it feels like the best for some time and given all that it is about with how things are (and the rest) and of course not without the clouds, the lights, the stars, and the planes in the sky and how they are now but every day I look up at the sky



There was that one day with the sun shining under the clouds pouring in
glossy, bright, new light between the trees and the overcast sky
I only saw it for a moment and it's like every other time
It's not like it has never happened before
I've never seen anything like it and it's not like I don't look up
Looking at the sky and the sun and the clouds but
I've never seen anything like it



The other explanation is that it's the clouds and what's around them, below them, and behind them and the other things being blue sky, planes, stars, air, birds, sun, earth, dirt, things that we all know about. The clouds seem most obvious the sky is also always being appreciated and noticed the sunset is very good always.



We were walking and one side it was the blue sky maybe a few clouds but the clear blue sky and the sun coming in warming our backs

Then looking the other way there were other clouds carrying dark light underneath and then way up there the clouds were grey, dense, and high in the background

And we yelled at the planes to stop and stay for a while like the clouds and how they look

We know they move on without considering us even a little



It's not just me

Other people are like this too with the clouds being the way they are
I hear them often (over and over!!) say things like

"The clouds have been so good lately!"

"Everyday I look up at the sky, the clouds, they look so nice."

"Did you see them, the clouds?"

"Has it always been this good?"

"Look at that big one!"

"Has it always been like this in the sky with the clouds?"

"It didn't used to be like this."

"Did you notice it tonight, the sky?"

"I can't believe the clouds right now!"



It could be something else that has us look up at the clouds and the way they all are up there but it's only the clouds and the way they look
From the earth we see the sky, the clouds in the air, and above or after that the clouds move on like we've mentioned before
It might be in the air or the transition from the air to the sky then (and?) the clouds and from where we are to where we see the earth, the air, and the sky there are differences where they're placed
The clouds are there!



No one knew it and it felt like forever to ask for my own good
It's good to know we've all been looking (and wondering why) and
eventually we will stop
We love to look at (what I'm thinking now is) the new sky, the new clouds,
and the light on the new clouds
We've all sat there for so long touched by the light but now it's a bit
different and I'm not sure why or how long it will be with the sun and the
sky and the air and the planes with the clouds and how they all are



And there we were again but watching the birds now flying against the blue sky flickering white and black and left and right and the sky and the sun and the snow and down to the earth now stilled by the blanket of the clear blue sky it couldn't have been any other way and the clouds stayed and the blue sky and the air was just right and there for so long



The other day too
The clouds stacked in dense, immovable rows
One was orange (stealing the sunset!) and the other pale grey
I forgot if it was good to us or not but I know we talked about it
The clouds sat there in the sky too for so long
One touched by the sunset and one just behind



Let's do it together

Looking at the sun

"Over there the clouds!" and it would continue on like this

"The trees against the overcast sky!"

What next? It's hard to think it would go on and be good

It's not like it has never happened before

"I see it over there."

"Look!"

"There it goes..." and how does it pass through the sky and the sun and the clouds and travel after where we see it?



Maybe it's always been like this but now we are all wondering when it won't be so nice and I wonder when it won't be so nice if this is the best and then tomorrow or next week or next month or next year will never be like this and the clouds, the lights, the stars, and the planes in the sky aren't anything like they were and there's nothing to talk about regarding





The stars
The lights
The planes
The sky
The blue sky
The sun
The light
The light on the clouds
The best
The clouds
The lights
The stars
The planes
The sky
The sky
The sun
The clouds
The trees
The overcast sky
The sky
The sun
The clouds
The other explanation
The clouds
The other things
The clouds
The sky
The sunset
The blue sky
The clear blue sky
The sun
The other way
The clouds
The background
The planes
The clouds
The clouds
The way they are

The clouds
The sky
The clouds
The clouds
The sky
The clouds
The sky
The clouds
The clouds
The way they all are
The clouds
The way they look
The earth
The sky
The clouds
The air
The clouds
The air
The transition from the air to the sky
The clouds
The earth
The air
The sky
The clouds
The new sky
The new clouds
The light on the new clouds
The light
The sun
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The air
The planes
The clouds
The birds
The blue sky
The sky
The sun
The snow

The earth
The blanket of the clear blue sky
The clouds
The blue sky
The air
The other day
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“Not even the lightest breeze ruffled the tranquil waters on which my little barque sailed; no cloud darkened the blue sky. I felt fully recompensed for all I had gone through, and I kept saying: “Now I am here forever.”

-Thérèse of Lisieux

Track list:

1. Under a Blanket of Blue by Connie Boswell
2. At Dreamsong
3. We yelled at the clouds
4. Singing all night
5. Thank God it's Friday
6. Under a Blanket of Blue by Ella Fitzgerald & Louis Armstrong

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